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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Confirmation No. 4909
Takafumi ISERI et al) Examiner: Bobby Ramdhanie
Serial No: 10/572,801 : Group Art Unit: 1797
Filed: March 22, 2006 :
For: CELL OBSERVATION APPARATUS)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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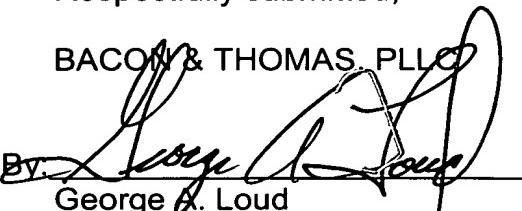
Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for one month to April 10, 2008.

Our check in the amount of \$120.00 is submitted herewith to cover the fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for a one month extension of time. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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